

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
Offsite Mitigation Options - December 2000

There are a number of options which can be considered by a permit applicant to satisfy mitigation requirements if the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District (District) determines that offsite mitigation, rather than preferred onsite mitigation, is appropriate for a particular project. Mitigation is normally accomplished in the same watershed where the impacts from the proposed project occur. There are three general types of offsite mitigation options which can be considered: wetland mitigation banks, in-lieu fee mitigation, and other reasonable site-specific actions that involve wetland restoration, creation and/or enhancement. The District alone has authority to determine acceptable compensatory mitigation proposals associated with permitted activities.

Wetland Mitigation Banks

Wetland mitigation banks provide wetland credits for sale and may have credits available for sale at any time. Provided below are the currently authorized banks, by watershed, including points of contact.

| <u>Watershed</u> | <u>Bank Name</u> | <u>Controlling Entity</u> | <u>Watershed</u> | <u>Bank Name</u> | <u>Controlling Entity</u> |
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| Des Plaines | Cricket Creek | County of DuPage Dept. of Env. Concerns 421 N. County Farm Road Wheaton, IL 60187 Bruce Maki (630) 682-7441 | Kishwaukee | Marengo | LRH Partnership Env. Planning Team 101 Waukegan Ste 960 Lake Bluff, IL 60044 Doug Ehorn (847)735-9009 |
| | Bank #1 | Wetland Research, Inc. | | Kishwaukee | EcoLogic Planning |
| | Bank #2 | 53 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604 Donald Hey (312) 922-0777 | | Bottoms | 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303 |
| | Butterfield Rd | Land and Water Resources 9575 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018 John Ryan (847) 692-7170 | | Sauk Trail | EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303 |
| | DP-Towpath | EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303 | Fox River | Slough Creek | EcoLogic Planning 2517 Paulsen Road Harvard, IL 60033 Steve Weller (815) 334-9303 |
| | Kankakee | Prairie Creek Applied Ecological Services 17921 Smith Road P.O. Box 256 Brodhead, WI 53520 Steve Apflebaum (608)897-8641 | | Otter Creek | Land and Water Resources |
| | | | | Ferson Creek | 9575 W. Higgins Rd. Rosemont, IL 60018 John Ryan (847) 692-7170 |

In-Lieu Fee Mitigation

A second option is a cash payment into the Wetlands Restoration Fund administered by the Corporation for Open Lands (CorLands), in-lieu of on the ground mitigation. That Fund seeks out and funds appropriate mitigation proposals using fees from permittees. It can accept payments for projects in any watershed within the District. This option is currently under review and may not be available for all applications.

| <u>Watershed</u> | <u>Fund Name</u> | <u>Fund Administrator</u> |
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| ALL | Wetlands Restoration Fund | Corporation for Open Lands (CorLands) 25 East Washington Street Chicago, Illinois 60602 Joseph Roth (312)427-4256 |

Other Site-Specific Projects or Actions

A final option includes projects and/or mitigation opportunities sought out by the prospective permittee. There are many resource management organizations, both government and non-government, that would welcome assistance in their own wetland restoration, creation and/or enhancement projects. The Corps will consider any reasonable proposal which can provide offsite mitigation to compensate for impacts to resource functions as a result of a permitted project.